

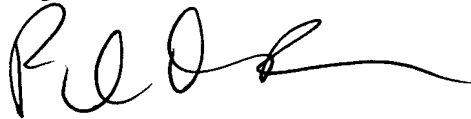
**REMARKS**

This application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/005120, filed 6 December 2004. This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted before Action in order to expedite the prosecution of this application. The claims have been canceled and new claims have been presented to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and to otherwise place the claims in allowance and conformance with U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicant's attorneys using the contact information below.

Please charge the required fees to the Credit Card Payment Form enclosed, and charge any deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 7046-X06-002).

Respectfully submitted,

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